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MEETING

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SUMMARY: THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY PROPOSED AN AGENDA  
FOR THE MAY 17-18 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING WHICH  
LISTED ITEMS ON CSCE; EASTERN EUROPE; AFRICA; THE UN;  
LATIN AMERICA; AND THE MEDITERRANEAN. END SUMMARY

1. THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA  
TO ITS PARTNERS FOR THE MAY 17-18 POLITICAL DIRECTORS

MEETING.

2. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE CSCE WORKING GROUP MEETING MAY 3-4. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE WORKING GROUP PAPERS ON: 1) PREPARATORY MEETING IN BELGRADE. THIS STUDY IS CHIEFLY CONCERNED WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MAIN MEETING AND INCLUDES DECISION SHEET ON AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND PROCEDURES; 2) MEDITERRANEAN QUESTIONS; AND 3) FOLLOWUP TO BELGRADE.

3. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON EASTERN EUROPEAN WORKING GROUP MEETING MAY 4-5. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL BE ASKED TO CONSIDER EXPERTS' PAPERS ON DISSENT AND THE PROCESS OF CHANGING IN THE USSR, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF SOVIET INTELLECTUALS; AND ON THE SITUATION IN ROMANIA. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE WHETHER THESE PAPERS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO MINISTERS. IN ADDITION, THE PRESIDENCY WILL PROBABLY ORALLY BRIEF ON THE WORKING GROUP'S STUDY OF SOVIET POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE AFRICA WORKING GROUP MEETING MAY 2-3. THE DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE:  
--A BRIEF LOOK AT THE EXPERTS' PAPER ON SOUTH AFRICA, THE CONCLUSIONS OF WHICH ARE STILL AT ISSUE AND THEREFORE NOT READY FOR THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL;  
--THE PRESIDENCY'S REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE FIVE-POWER DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA AND CONSIDERATION OF THE NINE'S REPLY TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN NOTE ON NAMIBIA;  
--A WORKING GROUP FACTUAL PAPER ON THE HORN OF AFRICA;  
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AFRICA;  
--A BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA;  
--DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING RHODESIA, ESPECIALLY IF THERE HAS BEEN AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF US-UK AGREED NEXT STEPS; AND  
--THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE IN SESSION.

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5. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON UN WORKING GROUP MEETING  
APRIL 27. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE WAITING FOR  
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GODOT. THERE IS STILL NO AGREEMENT BY THE WORKING  
GROUP ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE NINE'S COORDINATION AND  
COOPERATION AT THE UN. VARIOUS ALTERNATE FORMULATIONS  
WILL BE CONSIDERED.

6. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE LATIN AMERICA WORKING GROUP  
MEETING MAY 5-6. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS  
HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA BASED ON JOINT REPORTS  
PRODUCED BY EC AMBASSADORS IN SEVERAL CAPITALS; CUBAN

FOREIGN POLICY, ESPECIALLY IN THE CARIBBEAN AND AFRICA  
AND THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE,  
EQUADOR AND MEXICO.

7. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE MEDITERRANEAN WORKING  
GROUP MEETING MAY 16. THIS ITEM MAY NOT REMAIN ON THE  
AGENDA. THE EXPERTS' MEETING MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL  
AFTER THE NEXT ROUND OF CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.  
IF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE DOES DISCUSS THE MEDITERRANEAN  
IN ADDITION TO CYPRUS, IT WILL ALSO PROBABLY ADDRESS  
THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE IN THE AEGEAN AND FRANCE AND  
ITALY MAY REPORT ON THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MALTESE.

8. THE MIDDLE EAST IS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

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